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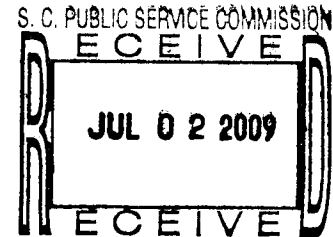
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court, Supreme Court of South Carolina
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RE: Friends of the Earth v. The Public Service Commission of South Carolina, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff.
Our File No. 10.11
Tracking No. 2009-127968

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

As counsel to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G"), I am writing in to seek clarification of one issue related to the Order from the Court, dated June 30, 2009 in the above referenced matter. That order granted the Appellant, Friends of the Earth ("FOE"), an extension of time for serving and filing its initial brief and Designation of Matter to August 6, 2009.

We would ask you to clarify, as the Court's order implies, that this appeal will proceed independently of the appeal in South Carolina Energy Users Committee v. The Public Service Commission, South Carolina Electric & Gas, and Office of Regulatory Staff, Supreme Court Tracking No. 2009-127906 (the "SCEUC Appeal"). As shown in the order of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") denying rehearing,¹ South Carolina Energy Users Committee ("SCEUC") has sought to preserve a few relatively narrow issues, which are principally matters of statutory interpretation. On the other hand, FOE has argued an exceptionally broad and diverse group of evidentiary, statutory and constitutional challenges to Order No. 2009-104(A), including substantial evidence challenges to most, if not all, of the operative rulings by the Commission.

Moreover, as the Commission found in its order denying rehearing, there are major procedural questions related to the sufficiency of FOE's petition for reconsideration to preserve any of its issues for appeal, given the vague and conclusory nature of that petition. For these reasons, it can be expected that the two appeals will involve very different issues, very different records and a very different scope of challenges to the Commission's order. SCE&G would ask

¹ Commission Order No. 2009-218, which has been appealed from separately by SCEUC and FOE and which has been provided to the Court by each Appellant, is an attachment to their Notices of Appeal.

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that the Court require the FOE appeal to proceed separately from that of the SCEUC and that FOE be required, as is customary and fair, to obtain its own copy of the transcript from the court reporter between now and August 6, 2009 when its brief is due and file a separate brief and Record on Appeal independent of those in the SCEUC Appeal.

SCE&G would also note that FOE has included the Public Service Commission of South Carolina as a party to this proceeding. S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-310 states that, in an appeal from a final order or decision of the Commission that “[t]he commission must not be a party to an appeal.” SCE&G would, therefore, also ask the Court to order that Commission be dismissed and the caption of the FOE Appeal be revised accordingly.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



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IN THE SUPREME COURT

APPEAL FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2008-196-E
Tracking No. 2009-127968

Friends of the Earth,Appellant,

vs.

The Public Service Commission of South Carolina,
South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, and the
South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff,Respondents.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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